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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9. Previously Cancelled

10. (Previously Amended) An animal feed composition comprising crude protein and an anti-bacterial fatty acid component, wherein the anti-bacterial fatty acid component is a high lauric acid natural oil, or a derivative thereof having high lauric acid content.

11. (Original) An animal feed composition according to claim 10, wherein the high lauric acid oil is coconut oil, palm kernel oil, or a high lauric acid rapeseed oil.

12. (Original) An animal feed composition according to claim 10, wherein lauric acid in the high lauric acid oil, or derivative thereof, comprises 0.5 % to 10 % of the animal feed.

13. (Original) An animal feed composition according to claim 10, wherein the animal feed composition is essentially free of other antibiotics.

14. (Currently Amended) An animal feed composition according to claim 10, which contains at least one antibiotic wherein antibiotics the amount of antibiotic in the animal feed ~~comprise~~ comprises less than 50% of an optimal antibiotic supplement.

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15. (Currently Amended) An animal feed composition according to claim 10, which contains at least one antibiotic wherein ~~antibiotics~~ the amount of antibiotic in the animal feed ~~comprise~~ comprises less than 50% of a maximal antibiotic supplement.

16. (Currently Amended) An animal feed composition according to claim 10, which contains at least one antibiotic wherein ~~antibiotics~~ the amount of antibiotic in the animal feed ~~comprise~~ comprises less than 50% of an optimal antibiotic supplement for controlling *Salmonella typhimurium*.

17. An animal feed composition according to claim 10, which contains at least one antibiotic wherein ~~antibiotics~~ the amount of antibiotic in the animal feed ~~comprise~~ comprises less than 50% of an allowable antibiotic supplement for controlling *Salmonella typhimurium*.

18. (Original) An animal feed composition according to claim 10, wherein the feed composition is feed for chickens, turkeys, lambs or veal calves produced for human consumption.

19-24. Previously Cancelled.

25. (Currently Amended) An animal feed composition according to claim ~~22~~ 14, wherein the combined amount of at least one antibiotic and at least one anti-bacterial fatty acid component in the animal feed is sufficient to promote the health of the animal as compared to the feed composition without the added antibiotic and without the added anti-bacterial fatty acid component.

26. (Currently Amended) An animal feed composition according to claim ~~22~~ 14, wherein the combined amount of at least one antibiotic and at least one anti-bacterial fatty acid component in the animal feed is sufficient to enhance growth of the animal as compared to

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the feed composition without the added antibiotic and without the added anti-bacterial fatty acid component.

Claims 27 - 37. Cancelled

38. (Currently Twice Amended) An animal feed composition according to claim ~~36~~ 10, wherein lauric acid in the high lauric acid oil, or derivative thereof, comprises 2 % to 10 % of the animal feed.

Claims 39 - 44. Cancelled

45. (Currently Amended) An animal feed composition ~~comprising an anti-bacterial fatty acid component which promotes the health of said animal as in claim 10~~, wherein the amount of said anti-bacterial fatty acid component falls within the range of 2% to 7% by weight of said animal feed composition.

Claims 46 - 50. Cancelled